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## ***GUESS WHO NOW CAN BE HEARD ON DIAL-A-STORY?*** ***MAYOR HEALY, THAT'S WHO!***

JERSEY CITY, NJ January 3, 2008 – The Jersey City Free Public Library proudly presents a new storyteller on its roster of seven for the free bedtime story library telephone service, Dial-A-Story.

Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, who reads “The Three Little Pigs,” now can be reached when choosing Storyteller No. 3 when calling 201/547-4604 for Dial-A-Story.

“The Dial-A-Story program is a great success and I am glad to be able to share a classic, childhood tale with the Jersey City children,” said Mayor Healy. “When parents spend time reading and telling stories with their children, the children’s minds open up to a whole world of imagination and discovery.”

The recording by Mayor Healy (Storyteller No. 3) and weekly recordings of new stories by six library employees appear on this free telephone bedtime story service for children. The library storytellers are No. 1 – Ms. Julia; No. 2 – Ms. Vilma (Spanish-speaking); No. 4 – Ms. Jean; No. 5 – To hear a story about Mayor-Man; No. 6 – Ms. Francina; and No. 7 – Special Guest (Ms. Mary).

Since its inception, Dial-A-Story has received 27,175 hits (latest figures, as of December 5, 2007).

“Over the years I’m so happy that children, as well as their parents and caregivers, have taken to Dial-A-Story,” said Library Director Priscilla Gardner. “In my heart, I knew children would enjoy calling and hearing a variety of bedtime stories, and parents would appreciate the help in doing so.”

Dial-A-Story, the brainchild of Library Director Priscilla Gardner, was introduced in January 2004 and offers pre-recorded stories for children from pre-school age through age 12. Children’s stories, from classic to contemporary, vie to hold their attention. Stories told have been seasonal, funny, and even downright silly! Well-known authors such as Ezra Jack Keats, Leo Lionni, Eric Carle, Eric Kimmel and Dr. Seuss have appeared aside lesser-known writers.

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